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## **Humanities Division Meeting (10/16/18)**

### **A. Feedback for Steering on the Vision & Goals Documents**

1. (Julia) – Let Steering know that they should either strike the bullet points or organize them in such a way that makes it clear they are not what is being adopted.
2. (Mary Elizabeth) – Add a new number 2: “Strengthen our commitment to intellectual tradition by further developing the respect and support for research and creative activities by faculty, staff, and students.”
3. (Athena) – Concern that the first goal would require major changes (interdisciplinary capstones, etc.) and asked why we were doing this. This was seconded by others (Mary Elizabeth and Becca). Sarah responded that this is tied to the development of a new strategic plan.
4. (Ray) – Concern about the process; we as a division should suggest a Common Hour just for this.
5. (Julie) – English would like to propose adding a goal that speaks to writing throughout the students’ career/curriculum: “In UMM's robust writing program all students will attend courses in which instruction and revision-based practice in writing thesis-driven, well-supported arguments are key elements.”
6. (Jess) – Make sure other ways of communication (speaking, music, art, etc.) are part of the process, especially the “writing over the entire career” discussion
7. (Sarah) – Amend no. 7 to include language about “systems of open communication.” Ray suggested including stronger language about shared governance. There was concern from Angela this would result in greater service requirements for faculty from underserved/underrepresented groups. Mary Elizabeth reminded us that “contributing to” and “making” decisions are not the same thing.
8. (James) (after some discussion) – Could no. 3 be amended to include language about resources/salaries?

[minutes submitted by Wes Flinn]

### **B. How to Use “ChromeRiver” for Submitting Travel Expense Reports**

[no notes for this section]

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